

Re: Multiple Cell Phone use in aircraft during flight

Docket No. WT 04-435

From: A 26 year flight attendant

Thank you for extending the time period for making comments to the FAA concerning use of multiple cell phones during flight. Please DO NOT ALLOW use of multiple cell phones during flight! Customers have made negative comments to me about in-flight cell phone use. No passenger has told me s/he wants it. As airlines add more seats per aircraft to counteract rising fuel costs, more crowded passengers become more easily irritated. Cell phone users unknowingly speak louder than necessary into phones disturbing those around them in restaurants, movie theaters, everywhere public. Passengers have even joked to me about changing the NO SMOKING sign to a NO CELLPHONE sign.

All future aircraft are now loaded with scores of computer systems. Has it yet been safely proven that multiple personal electronic devices can send/receive info without interfering with an aircraft's guidance & communication system?

As a side note, how would personal cell phone use compare to onboard phone systems? We can't compare because rarely were the onboard phones used. The company that put the phones on Northwest aircraft lost money and therefore removed the phones.

As a 26 year flight attendant, my experience says "NO" to in-flight cell phone use.